

Montana Indian Equity Fund Letter of Support

To: Whom it may concern;

We would like to submit this letter to show our support for the Montana Indian Equity Fund. We believe the Equity Fund is vital to the interests of Native American economics, area residents and especially the small businesses that help keep Montana in contact with its Native American citizens.

Our office and the Blackfeet Reservation have first handedly seen the benefits of the Indian Equity Fund, a local business that serves a large portion of the population on our reservation would have closed its doors had it not received the equity grant. The results would have been devastating to many low income and elderly customers of that particular business, forcing them to travel 60-100 miles for food, groceries and other necessary provisions. This is only one example of the many businesses that have been able to continue doing business in our communities as a result of this much needed program.

The continuation of this grant will enable several small businesses throughout Montana to continue providing services to citizens and tourists that have an interest within our communities and state.